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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *25 May 2001*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL.**   2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-43* is/are pending in the application.

    4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-43* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☒ The drawing(s) filed on *24 December 2002* is/are: a)☒ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a)☐ All   b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

      1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

      2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

      3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1)☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2)☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3)☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date *2,5,6,8*.

4)☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .

5)☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6)☐ Other: _____ .

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-43 have been examined and are pending.

Information Disclosure Statement

An initialed and dated copy of Applicant's IDS form 1449, Paper No. 2, 5, 6, and

8, is attached to the instant Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC ' 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form

the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

    (a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or

    described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the

    invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 1-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Novell's

Digitalme, hereinafter Novell, publication dated October 5, 1999.

As per claim 1, Novell teaches registering the user with a secure system; creating a personal homepage and personal database for the user by the system; inputting the user's authentication credentials for a plurality of third parties into the personal database; linking to one of the plurality of third parties by the user; retrieving and securely transmitting appropriate authentication credentials for the one of the plurality of third parties by the system: and logging the user onto the one of the plurality of third party sites (see "*How digitalme works*").

As per claim 14, Novell teaches registering a third party merchant as a participating merchant with the system; creating a personal homepage and personal database for the user by the system; inputting the user's authentication credentials for a plurality of third parties, including at least one participating merchant, into the personal database; linking to the at least one participating merchant by the user; retrieving and securely transmitting appropriate authentication credentials for the at least one participating merchant by the system: logging the user onto the at least one participating merchant; purchasing a product by the user from the at least one participating merchant; and receiving, by the system, compensation from the participating merchant (see "*How digitalme works*" and "*digitalme in the real world*").

As per claims 28, 32, 36, and 40, Novell teaches the step of going to a third party site by the user further comprises the steps of: going, by the user, from the third party site to at least one second third party site; initiating an authentication process; retrieving

from the system and/or the third party site and securely transmitting by the system

and/or the third party site appropriate user authentication credentials for the at least one

second third party Web site; and logging the user into the at least one second third party

site (see "*Single-click sign-on*").

As per claims 2 and 15, Novell teaches the step of registering comprises

inputting master authentication credentials into the system by the user (see "*How

digitalme works*").

As per claims 3 and 16, Novell teaches the master credentials include a unique

user name and a unique password (see "*NDS and digitalme*").

As per claims 4 and 17, Novell teaches the step of inputting authentication

credentials for a plurality of third parties is performed by the user (see "*How digitalme

works*").

As per claims 5 and 18, Novell teaches the step of inputting authentication

credentials for a plurality of third parties is performed by the system (see "*How digitalme

works*").

As per claims 6 and 19, Novell teaches the personal homepage contains

authenticated links to the plurality of third parties (see "*Single-click sign-on*").

As per claims 7 and 20, Novell teaches wherein the step of linking comprises the step of clicking on a link to one of the plurality of third parties resident on the personal homepage (see "*Single-click sign-on*").

As per claims 8 and 21, Novell teaches the step of linking comprises: going to a third party Web site by the user; clicking, by the user, on an icon representing the system; inputting authentication credentials for the third party into the personal database by the user; and linking to the third party Web site by the system (see "*Single-click sign-on*").

As per claims 9 and 22, Novell teaches the step of linking comprises the step of clicking on a third party icon on the personal homepage (see "*Single-click sign-on*").

As per claims 10 and 23, Novell teaches the step of linking comprises the steps of: inputting, by the user, information about a third party Web site into system; requesting, by the user, the system to search for the third party Web site; and finding, by the system, the third party Web site and presenting a link to the third party Web site to the user (see "*Single-click sign-on*").

As per claims 11 and 24, Novell teaches the step of retrieving and securely transmitting comprises the steps of: opening a new browser window by the system;

transporting user authentication credentials to the third party Web site by the system;

and inputting the authentication credentials to the third party Web site (see "*Single-click

sign-on*").

As per claims 12, 29, 33, 37, and 41, Novell teaches the system encrypts the

user authentication credentials (see "*How digitalme works*").

As per claims 13, 30, 34, 38, and 42, Novell teaches the personal database

contains personal data that is not authentication credentials (see "*It all starts with a

meCard*").

As per claim 25, Novell teaches the step of purchasing a product includes

obtaining proprietary information from the third party Web site (see "*How digitalme

works*").

As per claim 26, Novell teaches compensation is a percentage of a price of the

product purchased (see "*How digitalme works*").

As per claim 27, Novell teaches compensation is based upon the online visit,

and/or products purchased, and/or services purchased (see "*How digitalme works*").

As per claims 31, 35, 39, and 43, Novell teaches the user accesses the system and/or the third party sites using a device capable of accessing the network (see "*How digitalme works*").

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael R Vaughan whose telephone number is 703-305-0354. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on 703-305-9648. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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